LUFKIN QUOTES OFFICIAL'S NOTE

Gardner's Secretary, Makes Public Letter Says Mr. Andrew In Reply to Secretary of Canadian Deputy Minister of Marine That Order-In-Council Cannot Change Modus Vivendi.

the following letter frm W. W. Lufprivate secretary to Congressman dner, in comment upon the letter Hon. A. Piatt Andrew, to Secretary State Bryan, as published in the nes of yesterday, makes public the icial ground for the Congressman's tement that the securing of the ntinuation of Modus Vivendi prieges in Nova Scotia, without tone charge, instead of the \$1.50 per as at present operative, could not done by an Order-in-Council, but uld require legislation of Parliament.

Essex, Mass., August 19, 1914. the Editor of the Times:-I have read in the Times Mr. A. Piatt ew's recent letter to the secreof state with regard to his efto secure further concessions for Gloucester fishing interests.

note that Mr. Andrew is still uninced of the fact that the Caan charge for licenses for fishing cannot be diminished or reed by an order of council. Furthre, he charges "some of those have conferred with" the secrewith counselling delay until next r when the Canadian Parliament have reconvened. If he had made reful study of the subject, he have known that there ng else which could be done.

spite of the fact that Congress-Gardner was thoroughly familiar all the Canadian statutes bearing his question, he took the precauof having the matter looked into friend in Canada. I submit herea letter from the Honorable A Deputy Minister of Marine Fisheries, which would appear to inclusive on this point.

Ottawa, May 9, 1914. ir:-In acknowledging your iny of the 5th inst. as to wheththe fee attached to licenses is-

sued to United States fishing vessels to enable them to buy bait, ice, lines, supplies, etc., can be regulated by the governor in council, or whether legislation is needed, I may say that as the fee is fixed by statute, a copy of which 1 enclose, and as there is no provision in the statute to authorize the governor and council to change the fee, legislation would be required to do so.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant, (Signed) Johnson. Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries. W. C. J. Hall, Esq., Quebec.

his letter that Congressman Gardner troversy with Mr. Gardner's secretary, has quite lost sight of the request that but lest some of your readers may be licenses be granted to American ves- misled by a hurried reading of his letsels equipped with auxiliary power, as ter or of your headlines in last night's well as those which are not. Again, Times, it should be stated that his as-Mr. Andrew is mistaken. This ques- sertions have not the remotest bearing tion has been an issue between the upon anything that I said in my retwo governments since 1903 when the cent letter to the Secretary of State. Canadian government refused such a license to Capt. Solomon Jacobs, and ner's persistent advice to the Secre-Congressman Gardner has made pro- tary to delay action in the matter tests on behalf of his Gloucester and which the president of the Board of Beverly constituents on at least three Trade and representatives of the Mas-different occasions since that time. The trade and I had brought to the The trouble has been, however, that Secretary's personal attention last the Canadian government has held February, I felt it advisable to recall that they likewise refuse licenses to their own vessels equipped with aux- casion for such delay; that what the illary power, and that it was not, joint committee of the Board of Trade therefore, any discrimination to refuse and of the Master Mariners primarily them to American vessels

is intended as an apology for Con-gressman Gardner. He needs no apol-in other words, granting of trading lican fisheries in the United States.

Very truly yours, W. W. Lufkin, Secretary to Congressman Gardner.

HAS NO BEARING ON THIS CASE

Lufkin's Letter-Ridicules Assertion Regarding Canada Not Granting Licenses to Own Power Craft.

In a letter to the Times this forenon! Hon. A. Piatt Andrew replies to the communication of W. W. Lufkin, secretary to Congressman Gardner, relative to the matter of securing certain concessions for our fishermen in Canadian and Newfoundland waters. which has become a matter of controversy between the rival candidates for the Congressional nomination in the sixth district.

Mr. Andrew writes:

Gloucester, August 21, 1914. To the Editor of the Times:-I have

Mr. Andrew further insinuates in no intention of engaging in any con-

On acount of Congressman Gardto the Secretary that there was no occasked for was the elimination of the Neither this, nor my previous letter present discrimination against fishing gressman Gardner. He needs no apologist, so far as his knowledge and energy in behalf of the American fisheries is concerned. As evidence of this, I cite the opinion of Honorable Elihu Root when he was secretary of state who referred to Congressman Gardner is the best posted man on the American fisheries in the United States. modus vivendi licenses that "the

terms and conditions thereof shot be determined by the Governor Council." (Sub-Section 2 of Section of Chapter 47 of the Revised Status of Canada).

All that the Congressman's apolog says about the fees for these licens being fixed by law, which every knows to be a fact, has nothing to with this contention, and when asserts that the Canadian governm "refuses licenses to their own vessel equipped with auxiliary power and that it is not therefore any discrimination to refuse them to American vesif he refers to the kind of licenses that we are seeking for our own fishing vessels, he makes a statement that is utter nonsense, I is idiotic to suppose that the Canadian government would refuse to any of its own vessels, whether equipped with auxiliaries or not, the right to enter Canadian ports to buy supplies as those who are directly interested in the fishing business here will know yet this is what the apologist asks the general public to believe. On the other hand, it is a recognized fact that even the French fishing vessels equipped with power are allowed to get coal and supplies at the Canadian ports. The apologist may be the final seat of authority upon mercenary methods of conducting political campaigns, but he would do well to confine his attention to those fields in which he is an acknowledged expert.

It is indeed unfortunate that the intervention of our representative and his secretary in these matters has apparently checkmated an effort to accomplish something which, until they intervened, bore good promise of bringing needed relief to Gloucester's fishing interests.

I trust it will be unnecessary to make further demands upon your courtesy for space in connection with this matter

Sincerely yours, A. PIATT ANDREW.

Sch. Georgia, Capt. John of We Still. Georgia, Capt. Only of Best Stream, arrived yesterday afternoon BIG FARE FOR pounds from a halibut trip, having 25,000 BIG FARE FOR pounds fresh halibut, and 9000 weight salt cod. The halibut sold to the New England Fish Company.

Other arrivals were schs. Benj. A. Smith from Boston with 93 barrels salt mackerel; Aspinet, Boston, 70,000 pounds fresh fish; Lottie G. Merchant. seining, 2000 pounds fresh mackerel, 100 barrels salt; sch. Etta Mildred, via Boston, 1500 pounds fresh fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Sch. Georgia ,Georges, 25,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 9000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Benj. A Smith, via Boston, 93 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. sh fish.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, 2000 lbs small fresh mackerel, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Etta Mildred, via Boston, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sam and Priscilla, via Boston. Str. R. J. Killick, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking. Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking. Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.

Sch. Norma, seining. Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, seining.

Steamer Thelma, seining. Steamer Sam and Priscilla, seining

Sch. Rex, halibuting.

Sch. Etta Mildred, drifting. Sch. Matthew S. Greer, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers,

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25;

medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3. Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4;

medium, \$3.50. Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; med

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock \$2,50.

Hake, \$1.80. Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c

Salt medium mackerel, \$17 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2. All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

6 1-4c for small gray and 4c for large trading trip to Newfoundland. gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white 7cs for small gray and 5c for large gray. Whiting, 60c per bbl.

Hammond. Sch. Natalie Charles Colson, is at Boston this morning with a dandy fresh halibut fare, his hail being for 40,000 pounds in addition to 5000 pounds salt cod. This is the best trip yet of the trim new craft which started out the first of the year.

Mackerel were in goodly supply, but there were but few arrivals of groundfish ,the only trips of size being those of schs. Priscilla Smith, Ellen and Mary and Josephine DeCosta,

Dealers paid \$1.50 to \$2 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 for large cod, \$2.25 for market cod, \$2.25 for pollock and 10 cents for white, and seven and eight cents a pound for fresh halibut. Swordfish climbed high again, bringing 18 cents to 20 cents a pound.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Saladin, 40,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel, 120 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Natalie Hammond, 5000 salt cod, 1 swordfish, 40,000 halibut.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, 90,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 2 swordfish, 5000 pollock, 300 halibut.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 42,000 had-

dock, 11,000 cod, 2000 pollock, Sch. Genesta, 45,000 haddock, 8500 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1500 had-dock, 30,000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Ellen and Mary, 60,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 9 swordfish, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Emily Sears, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 11,000 pollock.

Str. Philomena, 20,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

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Str. Water Witch, 20,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 18,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, 20,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Buema, 20,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt. large cod, \$6; market cod, \$2.25; pollock, \$2.25; halibut, 10 cents per lb. for white and 7 cents and 8 cents for gray; swordfish, 18 cents to 20 cents per lb.; small fresh mackerel, 3 cents to 3 1-2 cests per lb.

Going to Newfoundland.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, under command of Capt. John Belong, and sch. IJ. J. Flaherty, under command of Fresh hallbut 8 1-2c per lb. for white Capt. John Campbell, will make

ang. 19. Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for balt; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt. Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers. LOW PRICE DIDN'T SUIT MATHESON

CHARIF CO SON High Line Twiner Wouldn't Sell B Fresh Mackerel Fare at Prices Offere at Boston-Will Come Here and Split Them.

With another of those gilt-edged | rest in her seine to the Vesta. trips for which he is famous, Capt. John Matheson brought sch. Saladin, high line of the seining fleet, into Boston this morning with 40,000 pounds of fresh medium mackerel and 120 barrels salt. The fresh ones were taken off Barnstable Bay, where fish have been schooling the past few

Others of the fleet in are steamers Philomena, 20,000 pounds; Margaret L., 30,000 pounds; Water Witch, 20,-000 pounds; Carrie and Mildred, 20,000 pounds; sehs. Veda M. McKown, 18,-000 pounds fresh and 100 barrels salt; Vesta, 20,000 pounds.

Steamer Margaret L. set around an enormous school. She took all she could hold, shipping 45 barrels from Provincetown and giving away the

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant. Ralph Webber, arrived yesterday ternoon from off Chatham, having nounds fresh madium mackerel 100 barrels salt. Sch. Mary E. also came out of the bay and we Chatham when the Merchant taking 50 barrels which were s

Fresh medium mackerel took drop this morning, selling at Bo from three cents to three and half cents a pound.

On account of the low prices this morning, Capt. John Mathes sch. Saladin, figured that he cou better by salting his fish, so the trip will come here and be split. mackerel, last sales, brought barrel, with chances of going

TRYING OUT NEW PATENTED SEIN

Str. Margaret L., 30,000 lbs, small is trying out a new patented seine this trip out, which if successful may Sch. Vesta, 20,000 lbs. small fresh make somewhat of a revolution in the present construction of the mackerel

The inventor, whose name is withof here on some of the best of the party is a member of Capt. crafts and has devised this patent arrangement, which he believes will be

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth successful. In consists of a large hung to the bottom of a self exactly an apron, although simi a devise tried out years ago. The itself is 700 meshes deep, with addition on the bottom, making 1000 meshes total depth. The are different and there are som details which will be worked ou the experiment on his invention

Bait at Baccaro.

A dispatch to Capt. Henry M. Atwood of the Atlantic Maritime comreceived this morning says there is plenty of good sized bait in the traps at Baccaro, N. S.

On the Railways.

Yacht Cachalot and steamer Wissoe are on Parkhurst's ways. Sch. Patriot is on the Rocky Neck

railways,

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Portland yesterday with 25,000 pounds fresh halibut.

Sch. Benjamin, A. Smith, Cal tin L. Welch of the Gorton-Pe eries Co., fleet of seiners, \$3857.49 and the erew share on her settlement made this The vessel is equipped with a lary ergine and an automatic

A MAN ASTRAY SHOW!

loss of James Richards, one of the rew, who strayed from the craft in

thick fog, Saturday. Richards had food with him and as was calm at the time, Capt. Brigam believes that he has been picked p by this time.

Portland Pilot Dead.

Capt. James L. Johnson, dean of Portland pilots and one of the most are: ompetent navigators along the At-ompetent navigators along the At-omic coast, died at his home, 5 ton, 5000 lbs, salt cod. intic coast, died at his home, 5 leorge street, Deering District, Port-Heorge street, Deering District, Portand Sunday. Capt Johnson was 49 105,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Veda M. McKown, via Boston, 200 bbls. salt mackerel. Sch. Saladin, via Boston, 280 bbls. tended to his duties as a port pilot l last winter. Recently he was op salt mackerel. ated on for cancer of the stomach, ut failed rapidly and was taken to is home Friday.

N. S. Bait Report.

Musquodoboit Harbor, August 14 .- land, ixty barrels herring Owl's Head; 10 rrels Eastern Passage.

L'Ardoise, August 15.-Landed bait Rockdale 45 barrels, L'Ardoise 15 rrels; Lower L'Ardoise, 8 barrels.

War Affects Gaspe Catch.

Says the Halifax Maritime Mer-

A. H. Whitman, who last week rened from an inspection visit of the bin, Jones and Whitman stations on New Brunswick and Gaspe asts, says that up to the end of July codfishery in that section was 25 cent, ahead of last year, and quite al to an average year. As a re-t, said Mr. Whitman, fishermen e feeling very well satisfied; for pled with the good catch, prices the highest in their experience, things looked to be shaping toan exceedingly good year. s! the war. Buying of codfish has practically ceased, for no one vs at present what chance there be of getting fish marketed in ntries where the Gaspe cure is the lity required. Of course the trade hoping that the present conditions tansportation and rate of exchange improve and if Britain can conthe sea no doubt they will do so. until that expectation has been instrated the situation will likely ain as indicated above, and the rewill be a large shortage in the

Italy's Imports of Dried Fish.

aly's imports of codfish last year nearly 42 million kilogrammes. this according to the consular reshe got a little over 16 million Norway and nearly 13 million

think the latter figures must be ded for Newfoundland. We also ve that she imported about a on kilogrammes from the United s, but this we fancy was princi-canadian production.—Halifax ltime Merchant.

SPINET HAS BLUEBACKS ARE

showing Bluebacks are again, Sch. Aspinet arriving here yester-ay afternoon, from Boston, reports steamer Doris taking a school of 60

The only arrivals here today were schs. Saladin and Veda M. McKown, down from Boston with salt macker-el fares; Natalie Hammond from el fares; Natalie Hammond from Boston with 5000 pounds salt cod and Priscilla Smith, also from Boston with 105,000 pounds fresh fish.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail

Sch. Natalie Hammond, via Bos-

Sch. Priscilla Smith, via Boston.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, via Portland. Str. Doris, seining, 60 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Newfound-

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, North Bay mackerel trip.

Str. R. J. Killick, seining. Steamer Orion, seining.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, seining.

Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining. Sch. Bay State, halibuting.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibut-

Sch. Margaret, halibuting. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, shacking.

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Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4;

medium, \$3.50. Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; med-

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snap-

pers, \$1.50. Haddock \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.80. Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Salt medium mackerel, \$17 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medlum, \$2. All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30. Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for balt; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers. Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white 7cs for small gray and 5c for large

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

Groundfish and swordfish were in good supply at Boston today, several off shore fares arriving yesterday with haddock and cod, chiefly.

Four swordfishermen with a total of fish were in. Notwithstanding the large receipts, prices declined but little, swordfish bringing from 13 cents to 16 cents a pound.

Prices paid wholesale, were haddock

\$1.50 to \$1.65 a hundred pounds, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large cod, \$1.75 to \$1.80 for small cod, \$2 for hake and \$1.50 for pollock.

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The arrivals and receipts in detail

Str. Foam, 50,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Alice, 2000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Lochinvar, 42 swordfish.

Sch. Yankee, 95 swordfish Sch Adeline, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2 swordfish, 2000 pollock,

Sch. Ralph Brown, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1000 pollock, 8 swordfish.
Sch. Lucania, 8000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 hake, 9000 pollock.

Sch, Matchless, 27,000 haddock, 13,-000 cod. 7000 pollock.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 45,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 4000 pollock,

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 22,000 haddock

10,000 cod, 4000 polloek. Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 28,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 2000 pollock. Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 45,000 had-

dock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Jorgina, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Good Luck, 3000 haddock, 29,000 cod.

Str. Thelma, 14,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eleanor, 42 swordfish. Sch. Motor, 48 swordfish.

Haddock, \$150 to \$1.65 per cwt. large cod, \$4.25 to \$4.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$180; hake, \$2; pollock, \$150; swordfish, 13 to 16 cents per lb.; small fresh mackerel, 8 1-4 cents per 1b.

The Lunenburg Fleet Report.

The last report from the Lunenburg bankers said that fish had been more plentiful lately but it seems to be the opinion there that notwithstanding the recent improvement the catch this year will be below the usual average says the Halifax Maritime Merchant. Now that war is on we may naturally expect to hear of a good many vessels scurrying for shelter in case they should be the recipient of a shot from Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 8 1-2c per lb. for white 6 1-4c for small gray and 4c for large nationality left on the fishing grounds a German war vessel cruising in these nationality left on the fishing grounds once the news of the war reaches there may be taken for granted, and this being so there will no doubt be a very considerable reduction in the world's catch of codfish this season.

The fish trade today is like the old woman who lived in a shoe. They are faced with so many difficulties they don't know what to do. They don't fee like shipping to the West Indies, for obvious reasons; they cannot ship to the Mediterranean with any assurance that if the fish reached there, the re turns would be satisfactory; they ar almost in as bad a position with re gard to Brazil, and so about the only thing they can do is to cease buying codfish, or if they do buy it to mak the price considerably lower than ha been ruling for some time; we under stand that some offers are being me of a dollar per quintal reduction the old quotations. Fortunately the merchants they have no fish wo while in stock. Not in our recollection have Halifax warehouses and fissisheds been as empty as they are today. The drop in price theref will fall directly on the producer, fishermen, though of course it is impossible that the exporters may estimate what the return from foreign shipments will be. It may be so poor that even present prices will not save the exporter. He is taking that chance and he may not prove to have hit it correctly.

So far as the British West India trade is concerned, if the British fleet is successful in clearing these waters of Germans, there should be no further difficulty in marketing our fish in that section; the handicap to business will be the decrease in West India requirements and the cost of exchange At present no doubt a good deal of business will be done through New York on account of both Cuba and Porto Rico, and it is felt that the prospective orders from these islands will be more than sufficient to absor all the dried fish that is in Halifax s present; consequently while exporter are offering a dollar less for new suj plies, they have not found it necessa to make any change in their selling price for West Indian business.

We asked one exporter what he thought of the prospect for business in the Mediterranean. He said, ver poor. The troubles are these:—Firs the price of exchange is terrific; see ond Italy is neutral today, but sl might be Germany's ally tomorro and third, if she did continue friendly the number of ships of the Italian lin to New York is not very many and th government will probably commande them for special service. The outloo therefore for Mediterranean business is pretty blue at the moment, and th trade are hoping that the situation will be relieved before the Newfound land and Labrador catch is ready for market.

Since writing the above we lear that business on the water front has absolutely stopped. Nobody is but ing, so therefore there are no price to be quoted by us on this occasion. Halifax Maritime Merchant.

N. S. Bait Report.

Barrington, August 18 .- Eighty-fi barrels Woods Harbor; 100 barr Baccaro.